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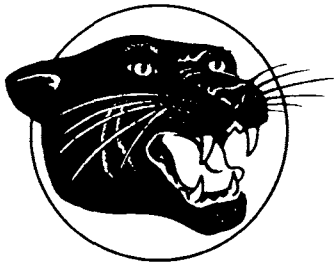
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# **Panther Sports News**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--The second annual Friendly City Five, a five mile distance race through the streets of Charleston, IL, will commence in this east central Illinois community at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 23.

The race, which begins on the Charleston courthouse square, is being run simultaneous to the IHSA Boys State Track finals which will be held that afternoon at Eastern Illinois University's O'Brien Stadium.

Entry blanks may be obtained for \$2 by contacting Bob Thomas, Meet Manager, 510 6th Street, Charleston, IL 61920 (217-345-4717) prior to 5 p.m., May 22. The race is open to the public, said Thomas.

"Last year Bill Bandy won the race in a little over 24 minutes (24.33). We had a good turnout. There are quite a few people within a 50 mile radius that come down for the high school finals who are interested in this type of competition," Thomas said.

"We'll start and finish on the square . . . the course is basically flat and winds through the community and out into the country a bit."

Late entries will be accepted between 6-7 a.m. the morning of the race at Everett-Thomas Sporting Goods, however a \$1 late fee will be assessed. There are no dressing or shower facilities.

Awards will be presented at 9 a.m. to the top three men and women finishers in each of seven age classifications. The women's classes are 15 and under, 16-25 and 26 and over. Men's are 15 and under, 16-25, 26-36, and 37 and over.

The race is sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association, the Chamber of Commerce and EIU Office of Public Service.